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CITE: [ ]

TO: DIR PD# 215

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RE: [ ] 260 (IN 12874)

1. ON 1 JUNE [ ]

[ ] CORRESPONDENCE

ADDRESSED BY [ ]

[ ] TO PINTO JUAREZ, GUATEMALAN MINISTER,

SWITZERLAND. [ ]

[ ]

2. CORRESPONDENCE CONSISTS OF LETTER FROM [ ] TO JUAREZ  
FORWARDING ENVELOPE CONTAINING OFFERS OF MATERIEL TO BE TRANSMITTED  
PERSONALLY BY JUAREZ TO PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA. JUAREZ REPORTED  
DEPARTING SWITZERLAND FOR GUATEMALA 4 JUNE.

3. FOLLOWING MATERIEL OFFERS INCLUDED:

A. 90 UNUSED AND 250 RECONDITIONED SHERVICK TRACTORS.  
THESE DESCRIBED AS SPECIALLY DESIGNED HEAVY TRACTORS INCLUDING  
PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS OF SHERMAN MARK III TANKS MANUFACTURED BY  
VICKERS-ARMSTRONG LTD., ENGLAND. TRACTORS CURRENTLY IN TANGANYIKA  
WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN SHIPPED FOR BRITISH GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL

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SCHEME NOW ABANDONED. OFFER IS ON LETTERHEAD

B. 15,000 NUMBER 4 MARK 1 LEE ENFIELD RIFLES COMPLETE WITH BAYONET, SCABBARD SLING, AND 1,000 ROUNDS .303 BALL AMMUNITION TO EACH RIFLE. THESE ARMS DESCRIBED AS BEING FORMERLY PROPERTY OF A NATO GOVERNMENT WHOSE ARMY HAS NOW BEEN REEQUIPPED WITH AMERICAN WEAPONS. 5,000 RIFLES READY FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT WITH BALANCE TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS TO COMPLETE PACKING. AMMUNITION PACKED IN REGULATION BRITISH AMMUNITION WOODEN BOXES. RIFLES MADE 1942/44 AND AMMUNITION 1944 IN BRITISH GOVT ORDNANCE FACTORY.

C. 50,000 MAUSER RIFLES MODEL 98 K COMPLETE WITH BAYONET, SCABBARD AND SLING, TOGETHER WITH 12 MILLION ROUNDS 7.92 CALIBER AMMUNITION.

D. 100 MARK IV/MARK IV-A 1 SHERMAN TANKS. OFFER STATES THESE TANKS CAN BE ACQUIRED FROM "A EUROPEAN GOVT STRAIGHT FROM A TANK REGIMENT COMPLETE WITH GUNS AND WIRELESS EQUIPMENT". ARMAMENT ONE 75 MM GUN, TWO 30 CALIBER AND ONE 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS. ENGINES ARE CONTINENTAL RADIAL TYPE, NINE CYLINDER R-975 C. OFFER INCLUDES ONE MILLION ROUNDS 50 CALIBER AMMUNITION BOTH BALL ROUNDS AND TRACER AND INCENDIARY TYPES. AN INQUIRY MUST BE SUPPORTED BY A GOVT ORDER OR, ALTERNATIVELY, AN ORDER BACKED BY CASH

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FROM A PRIVATE FIRM POSSESSING AN IMPORT PERMIT.

4. OFFERS NOTED PARA 3 B-D ABOVE ON PLAIN PAPER TO WHICH  
WAS ATTACHED CALLING CARD OF [ ]

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6. SOURCE AGREES IN PRINCIPLE PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION NOTED  
PARA 3 REF. REQUEST HQS COMMENT AND GUIDANCE IN LINE REPORTS  
ORIGINATING OTHER AREAS. POUCHING DOCUMENTATION NOTED ABOVE.  
END OF MESSAGE.

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